

# Potential Centennial Challenge Projects & Programs

## Centennial Post to Park Initiative

**Preliminary Description**  
**Park Name/Acroynm:**  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GOGA)

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**Approximate fiscal year for start up and completion:**  
FY 08–09

### Brief Description

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area is an evolving park—much of it grown from former military posts at the Golden Gate. Today, the park has a proud legacy of accomplishment in its role of “reinventing” these historic landmarks into parks for the 21st century. While much has been accomplished, the final chapter of “post to park” renovation and restoration still remains.

This Post to Park initiative would begin at Fort Baker, a center of the park, where the needs are most pressing. The Fort Baker waterfront project has both the opportunity to serve an array of park visitors, and, as a transformation, clear potential to capture the community’s imagination, engaging them in their urban national park, much like the Crissy Field campaign accomplished 6 years ago. With diverse recreational and educational opportunities, this national park site can also clearly establish relevance to the local communities, and the American public—especially working with the programs of the Crissy Field Center, the Bay Area Discovery Museum, and the many other park partners involved in this national park

At Fort Baker, the public-serving open space (the waterfront, trails, restoration sites) is in derelict condition and needs revitalization, now that the retreat center is preserving the majority of historic buildings on site. Additionally, the remaining historic buildings along the waterfront need preservation and adaptive reuse for park purposes.

This project would fund engineering, more detailed design and historic preservation plans for critical facilities, and areas along the Fort Baker waterfront—moving them to an implementation-ready status. The capital aspects of the project could then be implemented in phases. Completing the necessary studies, plans and detailed designs would advance the objectives in the Fort Baker reuse plan, and include: restoration of the beach front, rehabilitation of the boat and marina facilities, and road and trail improvements to improve access along the waterfront.

### Potential Partner(s)

The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy is the official partner in this initiative. The Conservancy is working directly with the National Park Service, other park partners, volunteer organizations and community groups toward fulfilling the goals of this initiative.

### Estimated Costs FY08–09

- NPS Share..... \$400K
- Partner Share..... \$400K

**TOTAL Cost..... \$800K**

### Anticipated Timeframe

#### Project Status:

Completed plans for Fort Baker exist with environmental documents. General planning work has been completed for the Fort Baker waterfront.

Artist rendition of the Fort Baker waterfront.